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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the annual adjustment of the personal needs  
2 allowance for residents of certain institutional health  
3 facilities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.30A, Code Supplement 2009, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **249A.30A Medical assistance — personal needs allowance**  
4 **— cost of living index.**

5 The personal needs allowance under the medical assistance  
6 program, which may be retained by a person who is a resident  
7 of a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for  
8 persons with mental retardation, or an intermediate care  
9 facility for persons with mental illness, as defined in  
10 section 135C.1, or a person who is a resident of a psychiatric  
11 medical institution for children as defined in section 135H.1,  
12 shall be fifty dollars per month. Beginning January 1, 2011,  
13 the personal needs allowance for such residents shall be  
14 increased annually, on January 1, by the same percentage as  
15 the most recent cost of living adjustment announced by the  
16 United States social security administration for the purpose  
17 of determining social security benefits. A resident who has  
18 income of less than ~~fifty dollars~~ the amount specified by this  
19 section per month shall receive a supplement from the state in  
20 the amount necessary to receive a personal needs allowance of  
21 ~~fifty dollars~~ the amount specified per month, if funding is  
22 specifically appropriated for this purpose.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill, beginning January 1, 2011, provides for a cost of  
25 living increase, annually, on January 1, in the personal needs  
26 allowance under the medical assistance program which may be  
27 retained by a resident of a nursing facility, an intermediate  
28 care facility for persons with mental retardation, or an  
29 intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness,  
30 or who is a resident of a psychiatric medical institution for  
31 children. The personal needs allowance, currently \$50, is to  
32 be increased by the same percentage as the most recent cost  
33 of living adjustment announced by the United States social  
34 security administration for the purpose of determining social  
35 security benefits.